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NOTE FOR: The Director

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Some Thoughts for Your Meeting on Leaks

-Prepare a DCI letter to employees expressing concern and asking CIA to set an example.

-Distribute a CIA employee notice on UDAC explaining its mission.

-Task the Community CI & SCM staff to prepare a report on compartmentation within the Intelligence Community with the aim of tightening procedures.

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- -Publicize any successes of the new FBI investigation unit.
- -Press the Administration to develop an authorized disclosure system for assistant secretaries and up.
- -Mount a major effort within the Intelligence Community to reduce the number of codeword clearances.
 - -Explore legislative initiatives:
 - Option one: criminalize all Federal employee leaks and criminalize their publication by the press.
 - Option two: criminalize all Federal employee leaks, but exclude publication by the press.
 - Option three: criminalize Federal employee intelligence leaks only.
 - Option four: criminalize Federal employee codeword intelligence leaks only.
- -Obtain a unified Administration position with the President in the lead in support of one of these legislative options.
- -Develop a legislative strategy appealing to a bipartisan majority for the recommended option.
 - -The Congress may be ready to support options three or four.
 - -Much more work would be required to enact option two.
 - -Option one is currently unacceptable in Congress.

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